

IsiXhosa

Grade 5 - Term 2

Dear Parents

Below you will find the content that we aim to cover this term. Thank you for your continued support at home. We would also like to encourage our learners to read and listen to more Xhosa. Here are a few tips:

Meadowridge library has numerous **easy** Xhosa readers in the children's section

- Encourage your children to read any Xhosa signs they can find (e.g. Lumkelainja.)
- Listen to Xhosa weather report on T.V.
- Encourage your children to speak to Xhosa speakers, even if it is just to greet them.

Enkosi kakhulu!

Xhosa educators

Ukutya (Food – usually a popular theme!)

Nouns

isonka (bread)	iqanda (egg)	amaqanda (eggs)
ijem (jam)	inyama (meat)	iswekile (sugar)
iti (tea)	ibhotolo (butter)	ubisi (milk)
amanzi (water)	ikhofu (coffee)	isiselo (cooldrink)
itshizi (cheese)	irayisi (rice)	amaorenji (oranges)
iimbotyi (beans)	iziqhamo (fruit)	umngqusho (samp)
umbona (mielies)	ithanga (pumpkin)	imifuno (vegetables)
ama-apile (apples)	amatapile (potatoes)	ikhaphetshu (cabbage)
iminqathe (carrots)	amabhanana (bananas)	

Verbs

-sela (drink something cold)	-phunga (drink something hot)
-tya (eat)	-sika (cut)
-pheka (cook)	-zamisa (stir)
-qaba (spread)	-galela (pour)
-funa (want)	-hlamba (wash)
-landa (fetch)	-khupha (take out)
-chuba (peel)	-nqunqa (chop)
-dibanisa (mix)	-beka (put)

Other useful vocabulary

-lambile (hungry)	-nxaniwe (thirsty)
imela (knife)	icephe (spoon)
isitya (dish/bowl)	esityeni (in the bowl)

How to join nouns with “and” (na-)

NB: can only use na- with NOUNS

Add na- to front of noun and make necessary sound changes.

For example:

na- + ilekese	= nelekese	(and sweet)	(a + i = e)
na- + ubisi	= nobisi	(and milk)	(a + u = o)
na- + iitships	= neetships	(and chips)	(a + ii = ee)
na- + amanzi	= namanzi	(and water)	(a + a = a)

Positive and Negative Commands

POSITIVE:

Singular: Verb is used on its own
e.g. Sela amanzi Mark.
(Drink water Mark.)

Plural: -ni is added to the back of the verb
e.g. Phungani ikhofu bantwana.
(Drink the coffee children.)

NEGATIVE:

Singular: Add **musa uku-** to verb
e.g. **Musa ukusika** isonka, Jane.
(Don't cut the bread, Jane.)

Plural: Add **musani uku-** to verb
e.g. **Musani ukugalela** ubisi, bafundi.
(Don't pour the milk, students.)

Umzimba (body)

iliso	(eye)	amehlo	(eyes)	intloko	(head)
impumlo	(nose)	umlomo	(mouth)	iindlebe	(ears)
ingalo	(arm)	iingalo	(arms)	umlenze	(leg)
imilenze	(legs)	unyawo	(foot)	iinyawo	(feet)
isandla	(hand)	izandla	(hands)		

Izenzi (Verbs)

-nqwala	(nod)	-bamba	(catch/touch)	-funda	(read/study)
-thetha	(speak)	-nukisa	(smell)	-dlala	(play)
-hamba	(walk/go)	-mamela	(listen)	-thanda	(like)
-bona	(see)	-bhala	(write)	-tya	(eat)

Imbonakalo (Appearance)

Ndiyintombi.	(I am a girl)	Ndiyinkwenkwe.	(I am a boy)
Ndimde.	(I am tall.)	Ndimfutshane.	(I am short.)
Ndiphakathi.	(I am of average height.)		
Linwele zam zintsundu/zimnyama/zigwangqa/zibomvu.	(My hair is brown/ black/ blonde/ red.)		
Amehlo am ablowu/aluhlaza/antsundu.	(My eyes are blue/green/brown.)		
Linwele zam zinde/zimfutshane/ziphakathi.	(My hair is long/short/medium length.)		